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*of the*  
Medical Officer of Health  
For the Year 1965



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May, 1964.

*To the Chairman and Members of the  
Desborough Urban District Council.*

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present to you my Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary Circumstances of Desborough for the year 1963. This is my third Report and it includes that of the Surveyor and Public Health Inspector.

The figure for the mid-year estimate of population, supplied by the Registrar General, is 4,560. There were 63 deaths in the Urban District in 1963 and the number of live births was 58. Two Infant Deaths are recorded for the year, one of these being a Neonatal Death, i.e. occurring in the first month of life. Death in this case was due to a severe congenital abnormality. In addition, there has been one Still Birth. There have been no deaths due to notifiable Infectious Diseases, including Tuberculosis, and in fact no new case of Tuberculosis was notified during the year. Again, there have been no deaths classed to Pregnancy or Childbirth.

Following the outbreak of Typhoid Fever in Switzerland early in the year, a notice was inserted in the local newspaper requesting that anybody who was engaged in the preparation or sale of food or drink and who had visited Switzerland recently should communicate with me. There were no replies following this notice.

In the first six months of the year, four outbreaks of Paratyphoid B. Fever occurred in various parts of the country. Most of these cases were traced to a bakery in which Chinese Bulked Egg Products were known to have been used at the relevant time. The use of this product was therefore checked in bakeries in the District with negative results. I thought it wise, however, that this precaution should be taken as one or two isolated cases of this disease had occurred in another district in the County.

The question of the Fluoridation of Water Supplies was considered by the Council in May, and it was resolved that they were in favour of this measure. The Mid-Northamptonshire Water Board was accordingly notified of this resolution.

Sections C, D and E of the Report have as usual been contributed by Mr. J. Holdsworth, the Public Health Inspector, to whom my thanks are again due for his genial and pleasant co-operation in the year's work.

I would like to thank Dr. J. V. L. Farquhar, Medical Referee of the Kettering Crematorium, for the figures which he has supplied relating to Disposal of the Dead.

The Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee and my hard working Secretary, Miss Langley, have as always been of the greatest help to me during the year and I now take this opportunity of recording my grateful acknowledgement of this.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient Servant,

F. R. N. LYNCH,

*Medical Officer of Health.*

# SUMMARY OF VITAL STATISTICS

COMPARATIVE STATISTICS FOR THE FIVE YEAR PERIOD  
1959 TO 1963

	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963
Area of the Urban District (acres)	2,400	2,400	2,400	2,400	2,400
Population (Registrar General's Estimate) ... ..	4,880	4,860	4,600	4,620	4,560
Number of Live Births ... ..	46	51	55	59	58
Legitimate ... ..	45	49	52	57	55
Illegitimate ... ..	1	2	3	2	3
Birth rate per 1,000 population ...	9.43	10.49	11.96	12.77	12.72
Number of Still Births ... ..	—	1	1	1	1
Legitimate ... ..	—	1	1	1	1
Illegitimate ... ..	—	—	—	—	—
Still Birth Rate per 1,000 total births	—	19.23	17.86	16.67	16.95
Still Birth Rate per 1,000 population	—	0.21	0.22	0.22	0.22
Number of Deaths ... ..	59	61	48	67	63
Death rate per 1,000 population ...	12.09	12.55	10.43	14.50	13.82
Deaths from Pregnancy, Childbirth and Abortion ... ..	—	—	1	—	—
Number of Infant Deaths ... ..	—	3	—	—	2
Infantile Mortality rate per 1,000 live births ... ..	—	58.82	—	—	34.48
Neonatal Mortality rate per 1,000 live births ... ..	—	58.82	—	—	17.24
Deaths from all forms of Tuberculosis ... ..	—	—	1	—	—
Deaths from Respiratory Tuberculosis ... ..	—	—	1	—	—
Deaths from Malignant Neoplasms	12	12	9	14	11
Deaths from Measles (all ages) ...	—	—	—	—	—
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages) ... ..	—	—	—	—	—
Deaths from Enteritis and Diarrhoea under two years of age ...	—	—	—	—	—
Deaths from Acute Poliomyelitis and Polioencephalitis ... ..	—	—	—	—	—

## SECTION A.

### General Statistics of the Area

Area (acres)	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,400
Census Population	<i>Year</i>	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>				
	1951	2,270	2,409				4,679
	1961	2,240	2,315				4,555
	Decrease of 124 = 2.7%						
Population (Registrar General's mid-year estimate 1963)...							4,560
Number of inhabited houses (1951)		...	...	...			1,563
Number of inhabited houses (1963)		...	...	...			1,683
Rateable Value	...	...	...	...	...	...	£154,342
Sum represented by Penny Rate	...	...	...	...			£618

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### SOCIAL CONDITIONS, INCLUDING CHIEF OCCUPATIONS OF THE INHABITANTS

The social conditions of the District are very satisfactory and up to the end of the year there has been virtually full employment. Farming, ironstone quarrying and factory work are the chief occupations. The largest firms are concerned in the production of footwear, corset manufacture, manufacture of cardboard boxes and rigid containers.



## Extracts from Vital Statistics, 1963

<b>Live Births</b>					<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Total</i>
Legitimate	...	...	...	...	29	26	55
Illegitimate	...	...	...	...	2	1	3
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Totals ...					31	27	58
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Crude Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated population ...						...	12.72
Adjusted Birth Rate (comparability factor 1.29) ...						...	16.41
<b>Still Births</b>					<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Total</i>
Legitimate	...	...	...	...	1	—	1
Illegitimate	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
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Totals ...					1	—	1
					<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
Rate per 1,000 total births (live and still) ...						...	16.95
<b>Deaths</b>					<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Total</i>
Number registered all causes	...	...	...	...	34	29	63
Crude Death Rate per 1,000 estimated population						...	13.82
Adjusted Death Rate (comparability factor 0.89) ...						...	12.30
<b>Deaths from Certain Specified Causes</b>					<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Total</i>
Cardio-vascular disease (all forms)	...	...	...	...	10	12	22
Malignant neoplasms (all forms)	...	...	...	...	7	4	11
<b>Deaths from Maternal Causes</b> ...					—	—	—
Maternal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live and still births						...	—
<b>Deaths of Infants</b> (under 1 year) ...					<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Total</i>
					1	1	2
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births						...	34.48
Legitimate Infants per 1,000 legitimate live births						...	36.36
Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births						...	—
<b>Deaths of Infants</b> (under 4 weeks)					<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Total</i>
					1	—	1
Neonatal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births						...	17.24



## Classification of Causes of Death during 1963

					<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Total</i>
1.	Tuberculosis, respiratory	...	...	—	—	—	—
2.	Tuberculosis, other	...	...	—	—	—	—
3.	Syphilitic disease	...	...	—	—	—	—
4.	Diphtheria	...	...	—	—	—	—
5.	Whooping Cough	...	...	—	—	—	—
6.	Meningococcal infections	...	...	—	—	—	—
7.	Acute Poliomyelitis	...	...	—	—	—	—
8.	Measles	...	...	—	—	—	—
9.	Other infective and parasitic diseases			1	1	2	
10.	Malignant neoplasm, stomach	...	...	0	1	1	
11.	Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	...	...	5	0	5	
12.	Malignant neoplasm, breast	...	...	—	1	1	
13.	Malignant neoplasm, uterus	...	...	—	—	—	—
14.	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	...	...	2	2	4	
15.	Leukaemia, aleukaemia	...	...	—	—	—	—
16.	Diabetes	...	...	—	—	—	—
17.	Vascular lesions of nervous system	...	...	3	5	8	
18.	Coronary disease, angina	...	...	6	2	8	
19.	Hypertension with heart disease	...	...	—	—	—	—
20.	Other heart disease	...	...	4	10	14	
21.	Other circulatory disease	...	...	5	2	7	
22.	Influenza	...	...	—	—	—	—
23.	Pneumonia	...	...	—	2	2	
24.	Bronchitis	...	...	3	2	5	
25.	Other diseases of respiratory system	...	...	—	—	—	—
26.	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	...	...	—	—	—	—
27.	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	...	...	—	—	—	—
28.	Nephritis and nephrosis	...	...	—	1	1	
29.	Hyperplasia of prostate	...	...	—	—	—	—
30.	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	...	...	—	—	—	—
31.	Congenital malformations	...	...	1	—	1	
32.	Other defined and ill-defined diseases			4	0	4	
33.	Motor vehicle accidents	...	...	—	—	—	—
34.	All other accidents	...	...	—	—	—	—
35.	Suicide	...	...	—	—	—	—
36.	Homicide and operations of war	...	...	—	—	—	—
Totals				34	29	63	

## COMMENTS ON VITAL STATISTICS

1. **Population.**—The Registrar General's mid-year estimate of the population (1963) was 4,560, that is 60 less than the mid-year estimate for 1962. The figure represents an increase of 5 in the census figure (4,555) of April, 1961.
2. **Births.**—There were 58 live births in 1963, that is 1 less than in the previous year. This gives a crude birth rate of 12.72 per 1,000 head of population. This rate, standardised on the basis of the age and sex composition of the population, gives an adjusted rate of 16.41. The adjusted, or corrected birth rate is obtained by multiplying the crude rate by a figure known as the Comparability Factor. The factor for Desborough is 1.29. The adjusted birth rate of 16.41 for 1963 compares with the rate of 13.41 for 1962 and the provisional crude rate for England and Wales of 18.2 per 1,000 head of population.
3. **Deaths.**—There were 63 deaths from all causes in 1963, that is 4 less than in 1962, giving a crude death rate of 13.82 and an adjusted death rate of 12.30 per 1,000 head of population. The Comparability Factor in this case for Desborough is 0.89. The provisional crude death rate for England and Wales is 12.2.
4. **Disposal of the Dead.**—Of the 63 deaths during the year, 52 bodies were disposed of by cremation at Kettering Borough Crematorium, giving a percentage of 82.53.
5. **Infantile Mortality.**—There were two infant deaths under one year of age, giving an Infant Mortality rate of 34.48. In 1962 there were no Infant Deaths. It will be remarked that one of these deaths occurred well within the first month of life and is actually classed to Neonatal Mortality, giving a rate of 17.24. I append details of these deaths. The corresponding Infant Mortality Rate for England and Wales is 20.9 and the Neonatal Mortality Rate is 14.2.

<i>Age</i>	<i>Sex</i>	<i>Cause of death</i>
5 days	M.	Microcephally.
1 month	F.	Broncho Pneumonia. P.M.
6. **Still Births.**—There was one Still Birth in 1963, giving a Still Birth Rate of 16.95. The rate for England and Wales is 17.3.

<i>Sex</i>	<i>Cause of death</i>
M.	Placental Insufficiency.
7. **Maternal Mortality.**—There were no deaths classed to pregnancy and childbirth.

## SECTION B.

### General Provision of Health Services

In subsequent sections, full details will be found relating to infectious diseases and environmental health within the Urban District, for which services the Council is directly responsible.

The present section is related to those health services which concern more the health and welfare of the individual rather than public health and the community. The Health Committee of the Northamptonshire County Council is responsible for the administration of many of these services under Part III of the 1946 National Health Service Act.

Liaison between County Council services and District Council services is facilitated by the fact that your Medical Officer of Health is also a School Medical Officer and Assistant County Medical Officer.

**Laboratory Facilities.**—The Public Health Laboratory, Northampton and the Department of Pathology at Kettering General Hospital are available for the examination of specimens in connection with the diagnosis and control of infectious diseases.

During 1963, 14 faeces samples were examined at Kettering, and copies of the reports were sent to the patients' general practitioners. I am grateful for the help and advice which Dr. Voss is always willing to give.

**Ambulance Service.**—This is one of the services for which the County Council is responsible. The St. John Ambulance Brigade performs this function on behalf of the County Council for all patients excepting those suffering from infectious diseases.

**Domiciliary Services.**—These include District Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors, who are all highly trained, qualified nurses on the staff of the County Medical Officer. The Home Help Service, also provided by the County Council, is proving more and more valuable in relieving people of domestic worries during periods of illness or confinement, and in helping old folks to remain in their own homes, so that they can retain their treasured independence.

**Child Welfare Centre.**—A clinic is held on the second and fourth Wednesday in every month at The Clinic, 39 Station Road. These clinics are busy and their popularity is largely due to the enthusiasm and dedicated work of the Voluntary Committee. A Medical Officer attends one of these sessions monthly. In accordance with the policy of the County Health Department a new type of clinic which provides facilities for the teaching of parentcraft and relaxation to expectant mothers, is held on each Tuesday afternoon at 2.30 p.m. at The Clinic.

Welfare Foods, (National Dried Milk, Cod Liver Oil, Orange Juice etc.) are distributed at The Clinic on Tuesday afternoons from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

**Immunisation and Vaccination.**—Immunisation against Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Poliomyelitis and vaccination against Smallpox are free services, available either from the family doctor or at the County Child Welfare Clinics. Certain age groups of children can also be given B.C.G. vaccination to protect against Tuberculosis; this is done through the School Health Service.

**Treatment Centres and Clinics.**—

(a) *Tuberculosis*—X-ray Department, St. Mary's Hospital, Kettering.

(b) *Venereal Diseases*.—St. Mary's Hospital, Kettering.

Clinics are held weekly and treatment is provided by the Oxford Regional Hospital Board.

**Town Welfare Committee.**—This committee, which concerns itself with people of all ages, continued its good work during the year visiting the elderly, the lonely and the sick. At Christmas time 450 aged persons received a parcel and during 1963 goods and money grants to the value of £364 were given to the people of the town.

**Meals on Wheels Service.**—In my Annual Report for 1962, I indicated that it was hoped to inaugurate a Meals on Wheels Service this year, and in fact this was done in March. This has been accomplished with the assistance of the W.V.S. and at the present time 48 meals are being served each week to 24 old people.

**Women's Voluntary Service.**—A mention must be made of the increased work taken on by this organisation during the year. As well as running the Meals on Wheels Service, a Hospital Car Service commenced in April. This work has mostly been confined to transporting patients to the Occupational Therapy Classes held at Station Road, Desborough.

**Tuberculosis After-Care Committee.**—The excellent work of this active committee continued through the year and the sum of £257/19/10 was expended in the provision of monetary grants and gifts of kind, i.e. butter, eggs, milk etc., to necessitous cases.

Due to the national decline in the incidence of Tuberculosis, the scope of this committee has now been extended to embrace patients who are victims of Heart Disease and Non-Tuberculosis chest diseases. It has thus been possible during 1963 to render material assistance to 26 people. There are now 28 names on the committee's visiting list and all patients are seen by a committee member at least once a month.

**National Assistance Act, 1948, Section 47.**—This act empowers Local Authorities to require the compulsory admission to hospital in certain cases of persons in need of care and attention. No formal action was taken under this Section of the Act during 1963.



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**SECTION C.**

**Sanitary Circumstances of the Area**

**Water Supply.**—The Mid-Northamptonshire Water Board has maintained a good supply of water both in quantity and quality throughout the year. Bacteriological examinations of the supply were made by the Board weekly and the results were very satisfactory.

There are 1,698 dwelling houses in the Area and with the exception of 16 houses, which are served by nine stand pipes, the whole of the dwellings have an internal water supply.

**Fluoride Content of the Water Supply.**—An analysis to determine the Fluoride content of the water supply was carried out at Pitsford resulting in 0.3 parts Fluorine per million parts of water.

**Drainage and Sewerage.**—The addition of new media to the filter beds and the provision of weirs to humus tanks to increase capacity have resulted in a better effluent, I have, however, no doubt that when your consultant's report is to hand, we shall find that additional filter area and humus tank capacity is desirable.

**Rats and Mice Destruction Act.**—The house refuse tips and the sewage works have been treated during the year at intervals. Both sites have been kept free of rats. 10% of the sewer manholes in the District have been treated, all with negative results.

**House Refuse, Collection and Disposal.**—The collection of house refuse was maintained throughout the year. The tipping of refuse in the Pipewell Road tip is proceeding satisfactorily.

**Factories Act, 1961.**—Forty inspections of factories were made. The total number of outworkers in November 1963 was 7, all engaged in the making of wearing apparel.

Prescribed particulars on the administration of the Factories Act, 1961 are to be found at the end of this report.

## SECTION D.

### Public Health and Housing Acts

**Houses.**—23 houses were completed, and 16 houses were under construction by private enterprise at the end of the year. The Council had 19 houses in course of construction.

**Public Health and Housing Acts.**—Works under these Acts for the purpose of rectifying defects and abating nuisances has been continued throughout the year and the following tables give details of the routine work carried out.

(1) Inspection of dwelling houses :—		
1. (a)	No. of houses inspected for defects ...	21
(b)	Inspections made for the purpose ...	42
2. (a)	No. of houses inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidation Regulations ...	24
(b)	Inspections made for the purpose ...	24
3.	No. of houses found to be in a state dangerous or injurious to health so as to be unfit for human habitation ...	—
4.	Dwelling houses (exclusive of those under preceding head) not in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation ...	—
(2) Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal notice :—		
	No. of defective dwellings rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers ...	208
(3) Action under Statutory Powers :—		
Proceedings under Housing Act, 1959 :—		
1.	No. of houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs ...	—
2.	No. of dwelling houses which were rendered fit by owners or the Local Authority after service of formal notice ...	—
(4) Housing Programme :—		
(a) 1.	No. of houses demolished ...	1
2.	No. of houses empty awaiting demolition ...	11
3.	No. of houses awaiting action at 31st December, 1963 ...	8
(b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts :—		
1.	No. of dwellings in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs ...	—
2.	No. of dwelling houses in respect of which defects were remedied after serving notices ...	—

(c) Proceedings under Housing Act, 1959:—

1. Number of houses represented as being unfit	—
2. No. of dwelling houses in respect of which demolition orders were made ... ..	—
3. No. of houses demolished in pursuance of demolition orders ... ..	1
4. No. of houses closed in pursuance of an undertaking given by owners and still in force ...	—

In order to give a full picture of the progress made since 1954, I set out in detail a list of the properties dealt with and the present position.

**Houses demolished.—**

Nos. 26, 28, 30, 32, 32a, 42, 44, 46, 48, 58, 60, 62, 64, 66, 68, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, 83, 85, Paddock Lane.

Nos. 6, 8, 10, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 100, 102, High Street.

Nos. 2, 4, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 22, 26, Lower Street.

Nos. 26, 28, 30, 32, 34, 40, 42, 44, 66, 68, 70, 72, 89, 91, 93, Gold Street.

Nos. 1, 3, 5, Victoria Street.

**Houses which are the subject of clearance or demolition orders, awaiting demolition.—**

Nos. 12, 30, 32, 34, 36, 62, 64, 66, 68, 70, 72, High Street.

**Houses represented, but orders not yet made.—**

Nos. 28, 30, 32, 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, Buckwell Street.

(d) Rent Act, 1957:—

1. No. of certificates applied for ... ..	—
2. No. of notices of proposals to issue certificates	—
3. No. of undertakings by landlord ... ..	—
4. No. of certificates issued ... ..	—

(e) Housing Repair and Rent Acts:—

1. No. of private house inspections made as a result of grant applications or inquiries ...	69
2. No. of Council house inspections made for grant purposes ... ..	24
3. No. of applications for discretionary grants during the year ... ..	—
4. No. of applications for standard grants during the year ... ..	46



5.	No. of applications for discretionary grants approved during the year	...	...	...	—
6.	No. of applications for standard grants approved during the year	...	...	...	46
7.	No. of private houses improved during the year	...	...	...	24
8.	No. of Council houses provided with standard amenities during the year	...	...	...	—
9.	Total No. of houses improved	...	...	...	153

**Sanitary Inspections of the Area.**—During the year 187 complaints relative to dwelling houses were investigated. Informal action was taken in each case. The nuisances referred mainly to minor housing structural defects and drainage.

In addition to the foregoing, 855 complaints were received from tenants of Council houses relative to defects. In each case appropriate action was taken.

**Mortuary Facilities.**—The mortuary was not used during the year.

**Common Lodging Houses.**—There are no Common Lodging Houses in the area.

**Storage of Petroleum Spirit.**—There are 17 licensed petroleum spirit installations in the District. All installations are inspected and tested prior to a licence being issued. There was one new installation during the year.

## SECTION E.

### Inspection and Supervision of Food

**Milk and Dairies General Regulations, 1958.**—There are four dairies registered under the above regulations. All are kept in a satisfactory condition.

**Meat.**—I give below a table setting out the number of animals killed, the number inspected, and the number affected with disease.

The total weight of meat and offal condemned as a result of inspection, was 1 ton, 6 cwts., 3 qrs., 25 lbs. Of that, 2 cwts. 0 qrs., 19 lbs. were affected with Tuberculosis.

I think it is worthy of note that 100 per cent inspection of animals killed was maintained during the year, apart from the period whilst I was on holiday.

#### Carcases and Offal Inspected and Condemned in Whole or in Part

	<i>Cattle excluding Cows</i>	<i>Cows</i>	<i>Calves</i>	<i>Sheep and Lambs</i>	<i>Pigs</i>	<i>Total</i>
Number killed (if known) ... ..	1039	—	12	3427	2065	6543
Number inspected ...	1003	—	12	3372	2018	6405
<i>All diseases except T.B.</i>						
Whole carcases condemned ... ..	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ...	138	—	—	54	89	281
Percentage of the number inspected affected with dis- ease other than T.B. ... ..	13.76%	—	—	1.78%	4.41%	4.38%
<i>Tuberculosis only</i>						
Whole carcases condemned ... ..	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ...	1	—	—	—	28	29
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tu- berculosis ... ..	0.1%	—	—	—	1.39%	0.45%
Cysticercosis ... ..	—	—	—	—	—	—

**Other Foodstuffs Condemned.—90 lbs.**

**Fish Frying.**—There are two fish frying establishments, both were kept in a satisfactory state throughout the year.

**Bakehouse.**—There is only one bakehouse in the town. It has been kept in a clean condition.

**Ice Cream—Heat Treatment Regulations 1947-52.**—There are no licensed manufacturers of ice cream in the Urban Area. All ice cream sold in the area is pre-packed. The number of registrations for the sale of ice cream is 11.

**Clean Food Campaign.**—Notices are continued to be displayed in all food shops requesting shoppers, in the interests of hygiene, not to bring dogs into the premises. These notices appear to be serving their purpose.

**Food Hygiene Regulations, 1955-56.**—There are 34 foodshops in the area, made up as follows:—

- 18 Grocery.
- 6 Butchers.
- 3 Confectionery.
- 4 Greengrocers.
- 2 Fishfriers.
- 1 Cafe.

In conclusion, I would like to put on record my thanks for the continued help and support of the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee.

## SECTION F.

### Prevalence of, and Control over Infectious Diseases

There was little infectious disease during the year, the notifications received being as follows:—Measles 7 cases, Scarlet Fever 5 cases, Infectious Hepatitis 2 cases, Bacillary Dysentery 1 case, Whooping Cough 1 case and Puerperal Pyrexia 2 cases. No notifications of Tuberculosis were received during the year.

**Diphtheria.**—Again, there have been no cases of Diphtheria in the District. The herd immunity of the population, therefore, remains satisfactory and this has been the case for seventeen years. This high level of immunity is achieved by the routine immunisation of children under one year of age, either by the Family Doctors or through the County Health Department's monthly Child Welfare Clinic at Station Road. Immunisation against Diphtheria is at the present time usually given in combination with Whooping Cough and Tetanus Vaccine.

**Whooping Cough.**—One case of Whooping Cough was reported in 1963.

**Measles.**—There were only seven cases of Measles notified during the year.

**Gastro-Intestinal Diseases.**—Only one case of Bacillary Dysentery, (*Shigella Sonnei*), was notified. There were no cases of Food Poisoning, (*Salmonellosis*), during the year.

**Scarlet Fever.**—There were five mild cases of Scarlet Fever.

**Poliomyelitis.**—There were no cases of Acute Anterior Poliomyelitis and I feel that this satisfactory position is being maintained by the excellent response to the offer of immunisation for children and young people. This can again be carried out either through the Family Doctors or the County Health Department's Clinic. The type of vaccine used is Sabin and this is given by mouth on a lump of sugar or in syrup. This mode of administration is much appreciated by the parents of young children as the number of routine injections that the child should receive is in this way reduced.

**Smallpox.**—There were no cases during the year.

**Puerperal Pyrexia.**—Two mild cases of Puerperal Pyrexia were notified towards the end of the year. Both the cases recovered rapidly and there were no secondary ill effects.

**Tuberculosis.**—There were no new cases of Tuberculosis in 1963. There were three cases in 1962. Again, there have been no deaths due to this cause. During the year one name was removed from the Tuberculosis Register. The Register, as at 31st December, 1963 stands as follows:—

<i>Tuberculosis</i>	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Total</i>
Respiratory ...	6	3	9
Non-respiratory	—	5	5
Total ... ..	6	8	14

**Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925.**—These regulations empower the Council to prevent persons suffering from Tuberculosis to engage in the milk trade. No action was taken during the year.

# MONTHLY INCIDENCE OF NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (Other than Tuberculosis) 1963

Disease	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
Measles ... ..	—	—	1	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7
Infectious Hepatitis ...	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Scarlet Fever ... ..	2	1	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5
Sonne Dysentery ... ..	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Whooping Cough ... ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1
Puerperal Pyrexia ... ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	2
TOTALS ... ..	3	1	2	2	7	—	—	1	—	—	1	1	18

## AGE INCIDENCE OF NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (Other than Tuberculosis) 1963

Disease	0-	1-	2-	3-	4-	5-	10-	15-	20-	35-	45-	65+	All Ages	Removed to Hospital	Deaths	Age Unknown
Measles ... ..	—	—	—	1	—	5	—	—	1	—	—	—	7	—	—	—
Infectious Hepatitis ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—
Scarlet Fever ... ..	—	1	—	—	1	2	—	—	1	—	—	—	5	—	—	—
Sonne Dysentery ... ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
Whooping Cough ... ..	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
Puerperal Pyrexia ... ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	2	2	—	—
TOTALS ... ..	—	1	—	1	2	7	1	1	5	—	—	—	18	2	—	—



**TUBERCULOSIS**  
**NEW CASES AND MORTALITY DURING 1963**

AGE PERIODS	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	RESPIRATORY		NON-RESPIRATORY		RESPIRATORY		NON-RESPIRATORY	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1 - 4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5 - 14	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15 - 24	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
25 - 34	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
35 - 44	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
45 - 54	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
55 - 64	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
65 +	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTALS	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—



## PART I OF THE ACT

1.—**INSPECTIONS** for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	20	40	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority ... ..	—	—	—	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises) ...	—	—	—	—
<b>TOTAL</b> ... ..	20	40	—	—

## 2.—CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

Particulars (1)	Found (2)	Number of cases in which defects were found			Number of cases in which Prosecu- tions were instituted (6)
		Reme- died (3)	To H.M. Inspec- tor (4)	By H.M. Inspec- tor (5)	
Want of Cleanliness (S.1.) ...	—	—	—	—	—
Overcrowding (S.2.) ... ..	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S.3.) ... ..	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S.4.)	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6.) ... ..	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7.):					
(a) Insufficient ... ..	—	—	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective	—	—	—	—	—
(c) Not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork) ... ..	—	—	—	—	—
<b>TOTAL</b> ... ..	—	—	—	—	—

**PART VIII OF THE ACT**  
**OUTWORK (Sections 110 and 111)**

Nature of Work		Section 110			Section 111		
		No. of out-workers in August list required by Section 110 (1) (c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices served	Prosecutions
(1)		(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Wearing apparel	Making, etc. ...	7	—	—	—	—	—
	Cleaning and washing ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL ...		7	—	—	—	—	—







